

1 What is claimed is:

2 1. An improved stapler comprising:

3 a pair of arms pivotally secured in confronting relation with
4 one another;

5 one of said arms containing a plurality of staples and
6 structured to dispense one of said staples towards said other arm
7 upon being pivotally moved towards said other arm and meeting
8 resistance;

9 a opener segment extending along at least a portion of a
10 length of one of said arms, said opener segment including a
11 proximal end and a distal end, said proximal end secured to said
12 one of said arms;

13 a blade disposed between said opener segment said arm to which
14 it is secured, at generally said proximal end of said opener
15 segment; and

16 said opener segment at least partially tapering towards said
17 distal end, said distal end being structured to be introduced at
18 least at a fold defined by a closure flap of an envelope until the
19 envelope engages said blade and is cut thereby.

20 2. An improved stapler as recited in claim 1 wherein said blade
21 is angled towards said distal end.

22 3. An improved stapler as recited in claim 1 wherein said distal
23 end defines a point.

24 4. An improved stapler as recited in claim 1 wherein a bottom of
25 said opener segment is generally co-planer with a bottom of

1 said arm to which it is secured.

2 5. An improved stapler as recited in claim 1 wherein said opener
3 segment is generally co-planer with said arm to which it is
4 secured.

5 6. An improved stapler as recited in claim 1 wherein said arms
6 include first ends pivotally secured to one another, and
7 second ends which move toward and away from one another as a
8 result of said pivotal securing at said first ends.

9 7. An improved stapler as recited in claim 6 wherein said
10 proximal end of said opener segment is secured generally at
11 said first end of one of said arms.

12 8. An improved stapler as recited in claim 7 wherein said distal
13 end of said opener segment extends towards said second end of
14 one of said arms.

15 9. An improved stapler as recited in claim 1 wherein said arms
16 include a first arm structured to contain and dispense said
17 staples, and a second arm against which said staples are
18 dispensed.

19 10. An improved stapler as recited in claim 9 wherein said opener
20 segment is secured to said second arm.

21 11. An improved stapler as recited in claim 10 wherein said second
22 arm includes a first end pivotally secured to said first arm,
23 and a second end at which engages a dispensed staple.

24 12. An improved stapler as recited in claim 11 wherein said
25 proximal end of said opener segment is secured generally at

1 said first end of one of said second arm.

2 13. An improved stapler as recited in claim 12 wherein said distal
3 end of said opener segment extends towards said second end of
4 said second arm.

5 14. An improved stapler as recited in claim 12 wherein said blade
6 is angled towards said distal end.

7 15. An improved stapler as recited in claim 12 wherein said distal
8 end defines a point.

9 16. An improved stapler as recited in claim 10 wherein a bottom of
10 said opener segment is generally co-planer with a bottom of
11 said second arm.

12 17. An improved stapler as recited in claim 10 wherein said opener
13 segment is generally co-planer with said second arm.

14 18. An improved stapler as recited in claim 10 wherein said second
15 arm includes a compartment structured to contain extra
16 staples.

17 19. An improved stapler as recited in claim 10 further comprising
18 a wedge element extending from said first end of said second
19 arm and structured to be introduced within a secured staple so
20 as to facilitate removal thereof.

21 20. An improved stapler as recited in claim 1 wherein said opener
22 segment and said arm to which it is secured are integrally
23 formed with one another.

24 21. An improved stapler comprising:

25 a pair of stapler arms pivotally secured in confronting

1 relation with one another and structured to pass a staple through
2 an item positioned therebetween;

3 a opener segment extending from one of said stapler arms;

4 a blade disposed adjacent said opener segment; and

5 said opener segment structured to be introduced at least at a
6 fold defined by a closure flap of an envelope until the envelope
7 engages said blade and is cut thereby.